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COCHISE COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE

April 2016

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April Activities

- 4.2.2016 Tech Training at the Charleston Bridge
- 4.2.2016 Search for 3 UDAs in distress
- 4.5.2016 Search for lost hiker along the AZ trail near Parker Canyon Lake
- 4.7.2016 Training and Meeting
- 4.10.2016 Pima County Assist Overdue Hiker Sabino Canyon
- 4.14.2016 Rescue Old Divide Rd Bisbee
- 4.14.2016 Dive tender training classroom foothills
- 4.16.2016 Dive/ tender training Parker Canyon Lake
- 4.18.2016 Search Overdue hiker Turkey Creek

4.2.2016 Technical Rescue Training Charleston Bridge

This weekend's training was a follow up to last month, where we practiced pick offs. During this training we concentrated on rappel, ascending, SRT use, rappel with a pack, to include the canine handlers rappelling with their dogs. We incorporated another station, where personnel had to set up a scree lower and raise handling the sked. The group working this station had to back tie a marginal anchor and then set up the system for lower, utilizing the components contained within the scree bag. This was an excellent training for all involved, testing their skills.



The transport was not easy for the four litter tenders. It is always easier a bit to tend the system than being a litter tender. Our four did get a good workout, while Michelle relaxed within the sked. She said it was quite comfortable. The other



group worked on their rappel skills. John on rappel and doing a pretty good job.





Roxy and Heidi just "hanging out."



The canines, Heidi and Roxy, had no issues being attached to their handler via harness during the rappel.



Walter with Roxy on rappel



Tech Training Continued:





Gaby and Heidi on rappel. Heidi is just enjoying the ride.

Dr. Scuba

"When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion."

Corner

Ethiopian Proverb

4.2.2016 Search SR 80 MP 400 3 Illegal Immigrants

The team was activated around 2330 hours for three illegal immigrants in distress. The 9-1-1 coordinates placed the subjects about two miles south of SR 80 near mile marker 400. AZ DPS Air Rescue was also called for assistance. The rancher was also contacted to unlock the gate, allowing us entry onto the ranch property. The rancher, Deuce and I arrived about the same time with DPS Air Res-

cue. They informed us they spotted some type of light source and were going to check the area. We were informed they located the three subjects, were going to land, and the medic was going to check the subjects. It was determined an ambulance was needed and the helo flew the subjects to our location. The ambulance crew determined all three subjects needed to be transported to the hospital for

further treatment. Thanks everyone for responding.



4.5.2016 Search for hiker in distress AZ Trail

This was an unusual day time callout for the team. The distressed/lost hiker called his daughter telling her he was out of water and about 1.5 hrs away from Parker Canyon Lake and was trying to get to the lake. We later learned he had also contacted his brother, told him the same, and asked him to meet at Parker Canyon Lake. The subject did forward his location to his daughter, who in turn provided the coordinates to us. The coordinates did

place the subject into Santa Cruz County in the area of Canelo Hills Rd. However, since he said he was trying to go to the lake, CCSAR was activated. Santa Cruz County was also notified as well as AZ DPS Air Rescue was available and responded to the area so did Santa Cruz. The subject himself called 9-1-1, and he was plotted about 1.5 miles south west of the last known location also known as IPP. The coordinates

were provided to DPS Air Rescue with other information provided by the brother. They located him under a tree at the given coordinates. The subject was weak and extremely dehydrated. DPS Air Rescue medic hiked to the subject and the helo was able to land below. The medic and the subject then hiked to the helo and was flown to the LZ. He was given water and was also checked by Fry Fire medical personnel.

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The subject told us the following during the de-brief. He started his hike on Friday at 0800 hrs, spending the first night at Bathtub Springs. He encountered some a snow storm and was pretty cold. Along the way he lost the trail and lost about one complete day trying to find the trail again. He ran out of water the day prior and searched for any kind of water source and thought he could make it to the lake. When he saw a water station he thought he was in luck, but the station was empty. He did not realize, the AZ Trail does

not directly go along the lake, but south of it. He further

thought he would find water at Parker Canyon Creek, which he did not. He did not realize he was that far from the lake, when he decided to get rid of his back pack and lay in the shade. He further said, he did not realize the trail was this strenuous, and had decided to not hike any farther than the lake







4.7.2016 Training and Meeting Foothills Station

Eric went over some of class-room portions of the dive tender training during the training section of the meeting. The full classroom portion of the Dive/Tender training was conducted on 4.14.2016. Eric also went over some knots such as the Figure 8, Figure 8 on a bite, Figure 8 follow-through, Bowline, and the Butterfly.

We also discussed some training changes during the meeting, which are as follows:

The swift water training will be held on 5.7. at the Salt River. Invite to Graham County.

The class room training for the swift water will be held on 4.28.2016 at 1730 hrs for all new swift water personnel or refresher for the oldies.

Mandi informed us the vet from on post would like to teach a canine first aid class as community service. This training is tentatively scheduled for July 23, 2016 from 0900 to 1300 at the Foothills Station.



"When a gifted team dedicates itself to unselfish trust and combines instinct with boldness and effort, it is ready to climb."

Patanjali

4.14.2016 Rescue Mission Old Divide Rd, Bisbee

This call was primarily handled by various fire departments, with our assistance, since they conducted some confined space rescue training in a mineshaft off SR 80. We did have a very good response to this technical rescue call, and set up the haul system for the stokes and tenders. It appears the subject drove off the mountain rd, Old Divide Rd, the night prior and crawled out of the vehicle. However, due to the steep terrain the subject rolled

down the hill and was caught is some brush. Passerby's the next day saw the silver colored vehicle hung up on some rock and trees. Deputies responded and found the driver and subsequently called for medical and rescue assistance. This was perfect team work between all the fire departments and our team. The entire rescue operation went very smoothly and without any problems. Teamwork at its finest!!



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"Remember upon the conduct of each depends the fate of all."

Alexander the Great

4.14.2016 Rescue continued







It took a bit longer to get the vehicle out than our subject. We didn't clear until passed 5pm. From getting the car off the boulder holding it in place, and the removing some boulders in the way it was quite the task.





4.16.2016 Dive/Tender Training

This was a great, but chilly training day. The new tenders as well as some of the "new" divers did great. Scott and Deuce worked on a scenario, while Andrew and Mike worked with the new tenders, all under the watchful eye of Eric.



Can you see what is wrong with this picture?

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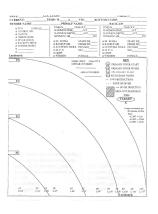
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Napoleon Hill



The tenders and divers receiving instructions from Eric per-

taining to the various tender to diver and vice versa signals to include completing the dive chart. It is extremely impor-



tant for the tender to complete this form prior to the diver entering the water, and keeping very close track of the dive time. The new tenders did quite well and it is important tenders respond with divers for a dive mission.



We practiced our throw bags as well, since we always seem to have difficulty with them.



Deuce and Scott working their scenario, trying to find the "homicide victim." Found her



on the second go around. Great job guys.



Andrew and Mike working on the diver rescue portion of the training. Having to rescue a diver in distress and bringing him/her to shore. Our rescue boat is of great assistance during dive operations, aiding the diver to get back into the boat or into the water.

Dominic practiced his kayaking skills.



4.18.2016 Overdue Hiker Turkey Creek

David activated the team around 1746 hours, for an overdue hiker in the area of Turkey Creek. Two of the party of three hiked down the Mormon Ridge Trail believing their partner was ahead of them on the trail. Once they reached Turkey Creek Rd and their vehicle, they found their partner was not on location. They looked for him hiking up to Mormon Spring, but did not see him either. They drove out

to the monument to report him. We deployed two teams into the field. One team on each trail and the team on Mormon Canyon Trail located the subject. This was a true tale of them missing each other. Another happy ending.







May 2016

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Schedule of Events

- 5.5.2016 training and Meeting Foothills Station 1730
- 5.7.2016 Swift Water Training Salt River o'dark 30
- 5.19.2016 Coordinator Training Foothills 1000 hrs
- 5.21.206 Tech Training TBA

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Cochise County Sheriff's Office ATTN: Sergeant David Noland Administrative Office 450 S. Haskell Ave Suite C Willcox, AZ 85643

Dear Sergeant Noland and Cochise County Search & Rescue Members,

Recently your group responded to a call for help from us in Mormon Canyon in the Chiricahua Mountains (4/19). As a result of poor communication among our three long-time backpacking companions, one became separated from the other two, and night had fallen. Deeply worried at this turn of events, the two of us notified authorities at Chiricahua National Monument and called 911.

That night, as we prepared for our own early morning search for our missing companion from the Mormon Ridge trailhead, we were pleased and relieved to see the arrival of the Cochise County Search & Rescue. The speed with which your team arrived and your clear professionalism and concern for our missing friend truly reduced our anxiety and increased our confidence that the unfolding situation would resolve in a safe and good fashion. The ease at which you put our worried minds cannot be underestimated. Thank you.

The intrepid nature and obvious skill of the Cochise County Search & Rescue team heading up the dark mountainside illuminated only by headlamps was so greatly appreciated that words are insufficient. Further, your ability and success in finding our missing companion is a clear testament to your search and rescue skills. There is little we can do or say that can repay your kindness and service, and we only try by offering our deep heartfelt THANK YOU, as well as a small contribution of \$150 to your outstanding organization.

Thank you again, again, and again for your important and selfless service.

Sincerely,

Bernard Futscher

George Watts

Rick

Rick Domann

Letters like these make it worth while. It shows the dedication of this team to the cause—no matter the circumstances. Always willing to respond, brave whatever weather, situation or circumstance, to bring resolutions to friends and family.

Thank you guys and gals for an outstanding job as always!!

A nice ending to a pretty busy month.

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June	02	Business Meeting, 1830 hrs at Foothills Complex w/ Training at 1730 hrs
	04	*Specialty training Swift Water Rodeo Phoenix
	11	*Specialty training: Helo Re-quals at East Stronghold at 0900 hrs
	16	Coordinator Training-Foothills 1000 hrs. (Coordinators Only)
	18	*Specialty training: Canine first aid SV Foothills station 0900 hrs

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